

DEFINITE MOVE IS MADE FOR A CITY LIGHTING PLANT

Logan Firm Ready to Install a Municipal Plant on Favorable Terms.

Mayor Morris Is Strongly In Favor of the Proposition, and Says So.

The Necessity of a Special Tax to Create a Sinking Fund for Bonds Emphasized.

If the proposal of Messrs. Garff & Son of Logan meets with the same favor from the City Council that it has from Mayor Morris, it is safe to predict that the citizens of Salt Lake will be furnished with better light service and that the city will yet own its light system. The proposition made by the Logan firm to the Mayor was submitted by him to the Council last night, accompanied by a communication supporting the offer. Both communications were referred to a special committee of five, consisting of Hewlett, Hartenstein, Martin, Black and Freese, with the Mayor associated. The communications read as follows:

Letter of the Mayor.

I am in receipt of a letter from Messrs. C. Garff & Son of Logan, Utah, which I attach hereto and is made a part of this communication, and which I believe should receive your very serious consideration.

The lighting of this city, both private and public, it seems to me, has reached a point where the City Council should take the matter up in all seriousness in order that a better service be rendered to the people. I thoroughly believe that the city should own and operate its lighting plant. It did at one time, through the machinations of a former administration let it go, for, figuratively speaking, a song. The sale of the city lighting plant was decided against the sentiment of the people and that the city's waterworks system should not be sacrificed as was the lighting plant. A proposition was created, which crystallized into the selection of the State Constitution forever prohibiting the City Council from disposing of its State from selling or disposing of its waterworks system.

The proposition in the accompanying letter is something that this administration should not ignore, and I therefore respectfully recommend that your committee be appointed to devise some way that the proposition of Messrs. Garff & Son receives consideration. Very respectfully, RICHARD D. MORRIS, Mayor.

The letter from Garff & Son referred to in the Mayor's communication is dated February 20, 1904, and is as follows:

Letter from Garff & Son.

We notice in your report of the city that you pay the sum of \$2.54 per annum on 41 street lights, and that you are paying \$1.00 per annum on 100 private lights. We have recently secured in Salt Lake county a very valuable power site that we intend to develop. Our plan is to install a power plant on the site, and to transmit the power to the city. We would like to take your advice, and to develop the site in a way that will be of benefit to the city. We enter into a contract with your city to build a reliable, up-to-date light and power plant. We will develop 50 per cent more lights than you are now using, besides lighting all your streets with incandescent lights. We will enter into a contract to light your streets at about the same rate you are now paying for the term of the next twenty years. We will give you the right to buy the plant at any time, and we will give you the right to buy the plant at any time, and we will give you the right to buy the plant at any time.

The Mayor has opened a very important matter to the taxpayers in a recommendation to the Council that a levy of 2 1/2 mills be made each year with which to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the twenty-year \$500,000 bond issue of May 1, 1904. The total valuation of city property for 1904 was \$3,000,000, which would necessitate a levy of a 2 1/2 mills tax to raise \$50,000, or one-tenth of the amount of these outstanding bonds. The Mayor points out that the city is now paying for the bonds at a rate of 10 per cent, and that if something is not done there is danger of the bondholders instituting proceedings to compel the city to make the levy.

This communication, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, does not mention other bond issues of a few years later, amounting to \$1,400,000, for which it will soon be necessary to levy taxes for redemption. Nor in any of the above is included the 1904 bonds of \$1,000,000, amounting to \$548,000, which the Council has already made arrangements to refund. The matter of creating redemption funds has been delayed and the burden will now fall heavily upon the citizens.

In Honor of Eichner.

The following resolution of respect to the memory of the late Dennis C. Eichner, introduced by Councilman E. H. Davis, was adopted by unanimous vote of all members present.

Whereas, Dennis C. Eichner, of the University has in his infinite wisdom conveyed from our midst our worthy and esteemed fellow citizen, Dennis C. Eichner, and, whereas, the University has during a long business life by him with this and other City Councils, makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of him, therefore be it

Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the afflicted family and friends of the deceased, we express our earnest hope that the great bereavement may be over-

ruled for their highest good; and be it further Resolved, That this resolution be placed on the minutes and a copy sent to the family.

Harris Was Mean.

Somewhat to the discomfiture of City Recorder Critchlow, Fletcher Harris, the city clerk, made his initial visit to a session of the Council. After a petition from the Recorder asking that an appropriation of \$100 be made to his credit with which to purchase a typewriter had been granted, Mr. Harris had Councilman Black announce that there was a machine in the Treasurer's office that had not been used and which the Recorder might have. A motion to reconsider the Council's former action making the desired appropriation was passed before Mr. Critchlow was given the opportunity to explain why he had not used the typewriter. He said that he had not used it because he could hardly keep a straight face, that the typewriter had been purchased last January.

Plenty of Business.

Ordinance, by Fernstrom, regulating the licensing of dealers in stocks, laid over for one week.

Ordinance, by A. J. Davis, increasing the salary of a clerk in the Treasury department from \$500 to \$1000 per annum, laid over for one week.

Ordinance, by Barnes, providing for the appointment by City Treasurer of employee as dog catcher and tax collector, laid over for one week.

Resolution, by Hobday, relating to City Sexton and City Parkkeeper permission to employ extra help when necessary, adopted.

Resolution, by Hartenstein, appropriating \$100 for putting in baseball grounds in Liberty park, adopted.

Resolution, by Black, appropriating \$100 for maintaining and sodding Soldiers' park in City cemetery, adopted.

Richards Gets His Pay.

Resolution, by Hartenstein, appropriating \$750 for the credit of Attorney F. S. Richards as retainer fee in protecting the city's interests in what is known as the Utah lake project and other matters connected with the city's waterworks system, adopted.

Petition, by Mrs. S. B. E. Holmes and twenty-seven others, asking that Canyon Road street be widened, referred to Committee on Streets with City Engineer associated.

Petition, asking that bootblack stands on the streets be abolished, referred to Streets committee.

Resolution, by A. J. Sidney, for \$300 damages for broken arm sustained by slipping on slippery sidewalk, February 4th, referred to Committee on Claims.

Recommendation, by Mayor, that police power be referred to Committee on Weights and Measures, approved.

Petition, Rio Grande Western Railroad company, asking permission to construct two spur tracks across Fifth West street, referred to Committee on Municipal Laws, with City Attorney associated.

Petition, Salt Lake Hardware company, to place machinery on curb of sidewalk in front of store, referred to Committee on Streets.

Resolution, by Neuhause, to appropriate \$450 to repair band stand in Liberty park, defeated by vote of 9 to 5.

Petition, Land and Water Commission, asking that appropriation of \$95 be made for purchase of typewriter in his office, referred to Finance committee.

Ordinance, by Hobday, increasing peddlers' license, referred to Committee on Municipal Laws.

Report, Engineering committee, on Commercial club communication and notice of intention to pave sidewalks in eastern district, referred to Streets committee.

Report, City Engineer Snow, on estimate for macadamizing State from Fourth to Tenth South streets and fixing the same at \$12,300, referred to Streets committee.

Veto, by Mayor Morris, to resolution giving Humane Office authority to employ deputy, sustained by vote of 19 to 1.

FINE UTAH FRUIT FOR ST. LOUIS

State Board of Horticulture Makes Arrangements for a Great Display at the Fair.

Arrangements for the Utah fruit exhibit at the St. Louis fair occupied the greater part of the attention of the State Board of Horticulture at its meeting yesterday afternoon. A carload of Utah's choicest fruits, including the semi-tropical products of St. George and Dixie, the fine fruits of Moab and Fern, and the hardier varieties of the northern and central parts of the State, will be sent to the exposition about October 1st, to be in readiness for Utah day, October 10th. One of the features of Utah day will be the distribution of fruits from this State among the crowds. Each member of the Board of Horticulture will look after the collection of the fruit exhibit from his part of the State.

President Judd of the board leaves today for St. Louis to assist in preparing Utah's general exhibit for the opening day of the fair. He will take with him a very elegant display of Utah's various products. The board will also send a number of St. George ladies, the silks were spun by them and the articles are of the highest quality. The display is decidedly unique and attractive.

Reports of fruit conditions made at yesterday's meeting were held in the board's office. The fact that all early fruits, including peaches and apricots, are in the southern part of the State, and that the fruit is of the highest quality, was a source of much satisfaction to the board.

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PARKER DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL UTAH

Swift Change in Sentiment Follows Cleveland's Endorsement of the New York Judge—Notes.

If there is anything in the signs Judge Parker's band wagon was loaded to the city gates when it passed through Utah a day or two ago.

The boom is now radiating the Coast States, and it looks very much as if the Hearst managers in all of the Mountain States were going to make about the same appearance in the St. Louis convention as an official staff without an army.

Unquestionably Hearst has lost Utah. Prominent local Democrats, who a few weeks ago were so positive that the wealthy newspaperman would sweep the country that they made no concealment of their views, are now either feeling certain that they can safely vote for the Parker wagon or they are making a strong bid to be permitted to follow the procession.

Hearst men are as scarce as hen's teeth. Less than a month ago Chairman Frank Cannon returned from the East, where he was in consultation with the Hearst managers. It is reported on a business matter, one of the best known of Hearst's managers, the young man's hold on the country. This optimism was as contagious as the Hearst managers' own, and it was not long before the Hearst managers caught the Hearst fever, and they either spoke of Hearst as a great man, or they referred to him as an ideal business man—a man that is fitted to run a country, or they spoke of him as a great man, or they referred to him as an ideal business man.

Now Chairman Cannon is weakening. He says the State should not send a delegation to the St. Louis convention, but for Hearst or anybody else. At least he is committed by some of his closest friends to Salt Lake to this line of conduct.

Secretary Daly, and Chairman Malvey of the joint committee, are still in the Hearst camp, but some say they will remain for the reason that they have been so thoroughly won over to the Hearst idea that there is no chance of a free about if they so desired. They will be looked on as the top and bottom of the Hearst movement in Utah, now that Frank Cannon has had a kink put in him.

Cleveland's endorsement of Parker has done much for Hearst in this State, as it did in the East and the Middle West. And now Judge Kings comes home from a tour of the Atlantic seaboard, and he brings fresh information of the irresistible force of the boom for the edate New York Judge.

He says that the Hearst managers are no longer a doubt that Parker will receive the nomination. Judge O. W. Powers is claimed to be the only one, it is said, that the endorsement of Cleveland for Parker is a great advantage. The Judge is talked of as a possible candidate for election to the Democratic nomination, and he is not saying who he would support.

Right now the Judge is concerned more over the report that he will be subpoenaed to Washington to testify in the Smoot inquiry than he is over politics of any kind. He is too shrewd a political observer to underestimate the strength which Cleveland's endorsement gives to the Hearst movement, and he is guarding his opinions so closely that there is good reason to suspect that he is not a man to be trifled with.

"There are ten Parker men to one for Hearst in Salt Lake today," remarked a local editor, close to his party. "The situation has completely changed. I see that Judge Powers has told the New York World that he would support the Hearst movement for Parker in this city. The Judge said that message a week ago. He would not doubt receive a great deal of world to wire him now. One cannot help but observe the change."

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